

REDUCTION IN FORCES

Judges 7:4-7

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Last Sunday and this Sunday. Two special and exciting Sundays in a row.

I. God called Gideon to liberate the Israelites from Midianite oppression.

- This was another cycle of unfaithfulness, repentance and restoration.
- God quickly gave Gideon all the information he really needed.
Judges 6:14, 16
- Gideon was skeptical that the messenger was truly an angel of God.

II. After many “preliminaries” God returned to the real issue.

- Gideon followed God slowly, and stalled a bit.

- The test of the fleece is a demonstration of God’s patience with men of little faith.
Judges 6:36

III. Finally, Gideon was ready to fight the Midianites.

- With every soldier he could find, Gideon was ready to do battle against terrible odds.
Judges 7:2
- God used a 2-step process to produce the right number.
- Gideon learned that the size of the army and the size of the enemy don’t matter.

Conclusion: Exodus 3:11; Joshua 1:9; Matthew 28:19, 20; Philippians 4:13; Hebrews 13:5, 6; Psalm 67

The Bible repeats repeatedly that God always equips his people for faithful service.